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TAGS: EAIR, MX, US
SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY AT MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL

1. WHEN I SAW FOREIGN RELATIONS SECRETARY ROEL ON APRIL 14, 1978, I MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL FAA SECURITY OFFICIALS RECENTLY MONITORED SECURITY SCREENING PROCEDURES OF AIRLINES THAT FLY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MEXICO AT VARIOUS AIRPORTS IN MEXICO AND THAT I HAD A REPORT THAT THE SECURITY OPERATIONS AT MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL WERE SO POOR THAT, IF RANKED, IT WOULD BE ONE OF THE FIVE WORST WORLDWIDE. ROEL APPEARED DISTURBED AT THIS NEWS AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION (SCT). ROEL STATED THAT HIS SECRETARIAT, IN TURN, WOULD WRITE TO THE SCT ON THE MATTER AND SEND A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF TOURISM ROSSELL DE LA LAMA. WE SHOULD ALSO FEEL FREE TO GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH ROSSELL DE LA LAMA.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE FAA SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR FORT WORTH, THEY REVIEWED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY SITUATION IN GREAT DETAIL WITH ING. ROBERTO ZAPATA, SUBDIRECTOR TECNICO, DIRECCION GENERAL DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL, WHO THEREAFTER CALLED A MEETING OF THE SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS AIRLINES TO DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPROVE SECURITY AND SCREENING AT MEXICO'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS. UNLESS FAA AND THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EMBASSY WILL MAKE

FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOM ON THIS PROBLEM. TO
THIS END, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RECEIVE ANY RECOMMENDA-
TIONS AND DATA FAA MAY HAVE THAT WE COULD USE. LUCEY

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